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**Subject:** FW: Invitation: Mt. Hope Bay/Taunton River Estuary Monitoring Strategy

Hello,

We are launching an effort to develop a monitoring strategy for the Mt. Hope Bay/Taunton River Estuary. I would like to extend an invitation for EPA to participate, I am looking for your input on who from EPA would be best to invite. I am trying to keep the group to a manageable size, so I am just looking for one or two EPA reps.

Thanks!  
Becky

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Hello,

I would like to invite you to MassDEP's Lakeville office on January 23, 2018 from 10-3 to discuss the development of a comprehensive Mount Hope Bay and Taunton River Estuary monitoring strategy. The goal of this effort is to collaboratively develop a monitoring strategy to assist all of us in answering key water quality questions for this water resource. We will kick off the meeting by providing an update on MassDEP's watershed initiatives, including the launch of two marine buoys and our review of our marine dissolved oxygen criteria in Mt Hope Bay. Then our partner, USGS, will present a strawman monitoring strategy that outlines draft indicators and sampling locations to answer a preliminary set of questions (trends in water quality, what uses are being attained, loading from point sources, and are water quality criteria attained). We will use this strawman monitoring strategy as our base and will layer in all of your efforts and needs. Our ultimate goal for this effort is the development of a comprehensive monitoring strategy that we all support and can commit to implementing.

In advance of this meeting, I am asking that you complete this brief survey:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MassDEP\\_MHB\\_Taunton\\_Monitoring](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MassDEP_MHB_Taunton_Monitoring).

If I have missed a key stakeholder on this invitation, please let me know.

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Becky

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